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## <u>AMENDMENT</u>

Commissioner for Patents Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 22, 2005 for the above-identified patent application, Applicants submit a Petition for Extension of Time, the requisite fee, and the following:

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments which begin on page 14.